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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 8/30/04 has been considered by the examiner and made of record in the application file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. **Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-10, 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mizui (US 2004/0198254).**

As to claim 1, Mizui teaches the method for determining desired physical locations of reference points for use in identifying geographic locations of mobile terminals in a wireless network (figure 1-5), the method comprising:

inputting information pertaining to a plurality of reference terminals in the wireless network, the information including respective location information for each of the reference terminals; and

generating, based on the input information, a visual display illustrating the locations of the reference terminals, along with a visual indication representing expected

accuracy in geo-location calculations for determining respective geographic locations of the mobile terminals in the network.

As to claim 2, Mizui teaches the method as claimed in claim 1 (figure 3, 4), wherein:

the input information includes map parameters; and

the generating step generates the visual display which includes a map display that is generated based on the map parameters with the respective locations of the reference terminals and the visual indication of expected accuracy being included on the map display.

As to claim 3, Mizui teaches the method as claimed in claim 1 (paragraph 339, 418), wherein:

the information includes respective longitude, latitude and altitude information of each of the respective reference terminals; and

the visual display of the locations of the reference terminals is generated based on the longitude, latitude and altitude information.

As to claim 4, Mizui teaches the method as claimed in claim 1 (figure 23-24), wherein:

the information includes signal propagation information indicating respective maximum distances at which signals emitted from the respective reference terminals can propagate; and

the visual indication representing the expected accuracy in geo-location calculations is generated based on the signal propagation information.

As to claim 6, Mizui teaches the method as claimed in claim 1 (paragraph 384, 385m 414, 415), further comprising:

modifying the input information pertaining to at least one of the reference terminals; and

modifying the visual display and visual indication based on the modified input information.

As to claim 7, Mizui teaches the method as claimed in claim 1 (figure 1-5), wherein:

the inputting step includes inputting the information via a computer; and

the generating step generates the visual display on a display screen of a computer.

As to claim 8, the claim is a computer software claim of claim 1; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 1.

As to claim 9, the claim is a computer software claim of claim 2; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 2.

As to claim 10, the claim is a computer software claim of claim 3; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 3.

As to claim 11, the claim is a computer software claim of claim 4; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 4.

As to claim 12, the claim is a computer software claim of claim 5; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 5.

As to claim 14, the claim is a computer software claim of claim 7; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 7.

As to claim 15, the claim is a system claim of claim 1; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 1.

As to claim 16, the claim is a system claim of claim 2; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 2.

As to claim 17, the claim is a system claim of claim 3; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 3.

As to claim 18, the claim is a system claim of claim 4; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 4.

As to claim 19, the claim is a system claim of claim 5; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 5.

As to claim 21, the claim is a system claim of claim 7; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 7.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

- 3. Claims 6, 13, 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizui.**

As to claim 6, Mizui teaches the method as claimed in claim 1, the wireless network includes the reference terminals and mobile terminals are fixed, Mizui fails to teach the mobile node and an ad-hoc peer-to-peer wireless network. However, the examiner takes Official Notice that the mobile node and an ad-hoc peer-to-peer wireless network are known the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of the mobile node and an ad-hoc peer-to-peer wireless network into the system of Mizui in order to enhance the system performance of the mobile terminal in which determining its location.

As to claim 13, the claim is a computer software claim of claim 6; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 6.

As to claim 20, the claim is a system claim of claim 6; therefore, the claim is interpreted and rejected as set forth as claim 6.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

A. Otsuka et al (US 2002/0090956) teaches method of and system for providing position information.

B. Asada et al (US 2003/0032435) teaches information transmission system and traveling server and terminal device for use thereof, and information transmission thereof.

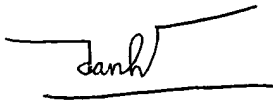
C. Fukui et al (US 2002/0115437) teaches information providing system, registration terminal, and portable terminal.

D. Obradovich et al (US 2003/0163251) teaches personal communication system for communicating voice data position information.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANH C. LE whose telephone number is 571-272-7868. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, WILLIAM TROST can be reached on 571-272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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